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Proposal for the restoration of the Fixed Travelling Allowance System in the case of Deputy Inspectors of Schools.

* 783 *Q.*—Mr. R. K. VENUGOPAL NAYUDU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the average monthly travelling allowance drawn and the average number of days spent on tour in a year by each of the three grades of Deputy Inspectors (i) before and (ii) after the discontinuance of the fixed travelling allowance system; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to restore the Fixed Travelling Allowance System to these subordinate officers?

A.—(*a*) I am sorry I cannot furnish the information desired by the hon. Member as I do not consider that the amount of labour involved in compiling these figures is commensurate with the result: nor would any purpose, public or otherwise, appear to be served by working out these figures.

(*b*) No such proposal is before the Government.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" May I ask whether it is not a fact that the other departments also are granting only fixed travelling allowance after the Finance Committee's proposals? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I am not aware of it."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" Is it not a fact that, on account of this system of fixed travelling allowance, the Deputy Inspectors of Schools, who have to inspect 100 schools within a radius of five miles in a place like Guntur, do not get any travelling allowance? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I am not aware of it."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" May I know whether it is a fact that the Depty Inpectors have already addressed the Director of Public Instruction in the matter and, if so, whether, when the matter comes up before the Government, they will reconsider the question? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" When the matter comes up before them, the Government will consider; but I cannot say that the Government will consider the matter favourably."

Public Health

Treatment of leprosy.

* 784 *Q.*—S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that trained compounders are allowed to give leper injections whereas L.I.Ms. are not allowed to give such injections;

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(b) whether the Government have passed any Government Order to the above effect and if so, whether they will be pleased to place a copy of the same on the table of the House;

(c) whether the Government would be pleased to place on the table of the House a statement showing for each year from 1930—

(i) the number of injections given,

(ii) the number of patients to whom injections were given,

(iii) the number cured completely and discharged and the dates of such discharges;

(d) whether the Government are contemplating to abandon the present injections and to investigate for a better one to replace the same;

(e) whether any amount has been sanctioned to enable research work to be carried on in this direction; and

(f) whether the Government have ever consulted the heads of Unani section and deputed a competent man to make researches?

A.—(a) & (b) A few trained compounders called inoculators are giving injections under the direct supervision of medical officers in some local fund hospitals and dispensaries in the Salem district. This is done in a few leprosy clinics having a large attendance of cases of leprosy with a view to giving assistance to the medical officers who will otherwise be overworked.

No orders have been issued prohibiting L.I.Ms. from giving injections for leprosy.

(c) (i) & (ii) A statement [a] is appended giving the information required.

(iii) The treatment provided aims at arresting the progress of the disease, preventing mutilations and deformities, removing infectiousness and checking the spread of the disease. Many patients persevere in the treatment till these objects are achieved. The majority of cases however do not attend the out-patient leprosy clinics for a sufficiently long period to permit of a complete cure being possible although they show considerable improvement by the treatment. Information regarding the dates of discharge of cases of leprosy after a complete cure is not available since the majority of patients discontinue the treatment before a cure is possible.

(d) Researches are being conducted and the best methods are adopted from time to time.

(e) & (f) No.

Leprosy clinics in South Arcot and Salem.

*785 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) how many leper clinics have been established in the district of South Arcot and how many more are proposed to be started;

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a Printed as Appendix I on page 290 infra.